



Volunteer San José

Volunteers make our communities better. Whether you can work a few hours at a special event, or want a regular weekly commitment, we have something for everyone. The following Programs are places where you may find an opportunity to match your skills and interests:

Adopt-A-Park
 Adopt-A-Street
 Advisory Committees, Commissions and Boards
 Animal Care
 Anti-Graffiti/Litter Program
 Christmas in The Park
 Community Centers
 Earth Balloon Portable Classroom
 Friends of San José Family Camp
 Guadalupe River Park & Gardens
 Happy Hollow Park & Zoo
 Hershey Track & Field
 Homework Centers
 Host Volunteers (Airport)
 Interfaith Chaplaincy at the San José International Airport
 Library
 Monopoly in The Park
 Office on Aging
 Partners in Reading
 Prusch Farm Park
 RACES Ham Radio
 Reading to Children
 Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
 San José Holiday Parade
 San José Prepared
 Senior Centers
 VOLT (Police Department)
 Youth Centers



Below is a Sampling of the Types of Volunteer Job Descriptions You Can Find Currently on our Website, www.volunteersanjose.org:

Adapted Sports Special Events Volunteer
 Avian Care Volunteer
 Bather/Groomer Volunteer
 Bingo Volunteer
 Cat Adoption Acquainter Volunteer
 Cat Care Volunteer
 Cat Socializer Volunteer
 Citywide Sports Support Volunteer
 Coach – Flag Football
 Coach – Soccer, Basketball, Soccer, T-Ball
 Community Center Operations Volunteer
 Computer Lab Volunteer (for senior citizens)
 Dog Adoption Acquainter Volunteer
 Dog Care Volunteer

Dog Socializer Volunteer (Level I-III)
 Disc Jockey (for senior center dances)
 Hershey State Track Meet Volunteer
 Information Desk Volunteer
 Laundry Volunteer
 Neighborhood Volunteer for SNI
 Nutrition Volunteer
 Office Assistant
 Office Volunteer
 Pet Foster Volunteer
 Playground Assistant
 Pool Assistant
 Rabbit Adoption Acquainter Volunteer
 Rabbit Care Volunteer

Rabbit Socializer Volunteer
 Receptionist Volunteer
 Recreation Program Volunteer
 Reptile Care Volunteer
 Senior Companion
 Senior Games Volunteer
 Spay/Neuter Clinic Volunteer Scheduler
 Special Events Volunteer
 Sports Volunteer
 Sports Meet Volunteer
 Timer/Runner
 Track Volunteer

IS IT A LIBRARY OR A MUSEUM?

The “best of both” might be the appropriate answer. Since its opening on August 1, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library has dazzled visitors with the scale of its architecture, with its many nooks and crannies to explore and the possibilities for endless, pleasurable hours immersed in its collections and special exhibits. Your favorite programs and services are all here, enhanced by beautifully designed spaces and magnificent views. At any moment you may happen on one of 33 public art pieces by renowned artist, Mel Chin, that can tickle your fancy while inviting interaction with library collections. Add to your day with a stop at the Friends Bookstore or a bite to eat at *On Fourth: a novel café*. Visit once and you’ll soon discover that once is not enough.

FEATURES

The Children’s Room. Includes materials in many languages and formats supporting literacy, homework and recreational needs, from birth through age 11. Storytelling fosters early literacy and an appreciation for literature. Special areas invite further exploration.

Education Resource Center. Features collections and programs exploring issues designed to enhance preK–12 learning in San José.

Teen Center. Offers a relaxed environment where youth, ages 12 and up, can enjoy popular fiction, multi-media and Internet access.

Brandenburg Browsing Collection. A popular selection of recent fiction and non-fiction, both book and media, plus recent SJSU faculty publications.

Grand Reading Room. A quiet area inviting serious research and contemplation.

Morgridge Literacy Center. Coordinates literacy activity throughout the San José Public Library system. Information literacy is enhanced through use of technology.

Emma E. Legg Adaptive Technology Center. Assists university students with disabilities in achieving the skills they need, providing one-on-one and small group training on adaptive computers and specialized software.



Group Study Rooms. Thirty-seven enclosures suitable for group projects or small group tutoring.

Music Listening Rooms. Two sound-proof areas enable the enjoyment of music, both contemporary and historical.

Computer and Internet Access. Four hundred public access computers and more than 500 laptop ports are located at various locations throughout the building.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

California Room. An extensive local and state history collection.

The Cultural Heritage Center: Africana/Asian American/Chicano. A point of entry to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the history and culture of these communities.

SJSU Special Collections. Conserves rare, old, valuable or fragile materials with subject strengths in local and regional history, including Sourisseau Academy holdings and the University Archives.

Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies. The only institution in North America devoted solely to the life, works, and accomplishments of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), having the largest collection of Beethoven materials outside of Europe.

Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies. The largest archive in the world on John Steinbeck, containing more than 40,000 specialized materials, including manuscripts, original letters and first editions.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Collection. Offers books, videos and Internet resources documenting this significant historical figure and the civil rights movement to which he gave voice.

Story Times at the King Library:

Mondays, 10am - Lapsits

Tuesdays, 7pm - Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays, 10am - Pre-School Story Time

Thursdays, 10am - Toddler’s Story Time

Fridays, 3pm - Pre-School Story Time

Saturdays, noon - Family Story Time

For information on special library events or story times at other branch locations, visit the Library online at www.sjlibrary.org

For information on what’s happening elsewhere on the San José State University campus, visit www.sjsu.edu and click on “Events.”

Sign up for one of two, daily, one-hour tours at the library’s information desk on the first floor. Groups of 10 or more must schedule in advance. Make your request by calling 408-808-2181 or email volunteer.sjpl@sjlibrary.org



Almaden Lake Park

Almaden Lake Park is San José's only park featuring an extensive beach and swim area, supervised by lifeguards, seasonally. Visitors can enjoy a range of recreational activities including fishing, paddle boating (no power boats), hiking, volleyball, horseshoes, and wind surfing. Picnic tables with barbecue pits are located throughout the park, with most sites available on a first come, first served basis. Four sites are available for reservation. The larger sites are Southpoint & Quicksilver picnic areas that accommodates groups up to 100 people and the smaller is Tamien that can accommodate 30 people. For reservation information, please call 408-277-5562.

Park Rangers are here to assist you and provide for a more enjoyable, educational and safe park visit. Services offered by the Ranger staff include: first aid, fire suppression, park interpretation, and educational programming. Rangers are available for walks and talks, or arrangements may be made to have a Ranger visit your group. Call **408-277-5130** for more information.

Adjacent to Almaden Lake Park is the **Los Alamitos Creek Trail**, a 3.9 mile trail that features a fitness course and takes you by scenic agricultural lands and riparian communities. The Trail continues to Santa Teresa County Park.

Alum Rock Park

Alum Rock Park is California's first and oldest municipal park. Nestled within the Alum Rock Canyon in the foothills of the Diablo Range, the park's many acres of natural, rugged beauty provide visitors with many leisure outdoor activities including hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, family and group picnicking, and of course just relaxing. Picnic tables, barbecue pits, water and restrooms are available in most picnic areas, with lawns and a children's playground in the mid-canyon area. Reservable picnic areas accommodate up to 300 people. Each area includes tables, barbecue stoves, and nearby restrooms. There are also first come, first served picnic areas. Some of the more secluded sites require a short walk since vehicles are not allowed into the area. For reservation information, please call **408-277-5562**.

There are approximately 13 miles of trails including six miles of equestrian trails and three miles of bicycle trails. Hikers are welcome on all trails, while equestrians and cyclists are requested to use designated trails only. Information about Ranger lead programs, campfire programs and volunteer opportunities are available by calling **408-259-5477**.

The **Youth Science Institute (Y.S.I.)** is located at **Alum Rock Park** and is open to all park visitors. The Youth Science Institute hosts an animal museum and provides nature and science programs to youth. Call **408-258-4322** for information or programs. Operating hours are from 12 noon to 4:30pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Edenvale Garden Park

Located in South San José on land once occupied by Frontier Village amusement park, Edenvale Garden Park is a wooded, passive park with tennis courts, a half basketball court, a lovely meandering pathway and newly constructed restroom and playground. The park is open daily. Call **408-277-4191** for more information.

Emma Prusch Farm Park

Emma Prusch Farm Park offers visitors opportunities for both recreation and learning about San José's agricultural past. The Park's 47 acres features a livestock barn and over 100 community garden plots at the El Jardin and Cornucopia gardens. There are also acres of open grass perfect for picnicking, kite flying, games and relaxing; a rare fruit orchard featuring a strawberry tree, wild pear tree, and a raisin tree and a grove of international trees. You can experience close



encounters with farm animals – everything from sheep, pigs, steer, ducks, chickens, geese and rabbits; and old farm equipment displays. In addition, there are year round special events, festivals and fun gardening and landscaping classes.

There are also picnic facilities and a community meeting hall available for reservation. Tour guides, demonstration gardeners, and small animal keepers are just a few of the volunteer opportunities available at Prusch Park. The park offers a variety of educational programs for school children and other groups. This fall a variety of classes are available, including candle making, pumpkin carving, holiday house decorating, and educational lessons. For a free brochure on the educational programs offered at Prusch Park, call **408-926-5555**.

Family Camp

San José Family Camp is located in the heart of the Sierras just off Highway 120 near the West gate of Yosemite National Park. The Stanislaus National Forest and the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River serve as a scenic backdrop to this mountain playground. The camp is a retreat where campers of all ages can fish, hike, swim, and participate in organized programs, or just relax and take it easy. It's a great experience for the entire family!

San José Family Camp is a scenic 40-acre self-contained campground facility with tent cabins for campers, a dining complex, a swimming area, amphitheater, campfire circle, and conveniently located restroom/bath units with hot showers. The camp's facilities include a softball field, archery range, horseshoe pit, playground, shuffleboard courts and a lodge for special

gatherings. Limited wheelchair accessible facilities are available. Advanced reservations are recommended.

The camp is open to campers from end of April to mid-October. During spring and fall, the pre and post seasons, camp is available for individual, family and group use. For reservations, call 408-277-4666.

Guadalupe River Park & Gardens

Guadalupe River Park and Gardens (GRP) is a unique and exciting central cluster of open spaces featuring hiking, biking and jogging trails in a natural setting along the Guadalupe River. Following the course of the Guadalupe River, the park extends for three miles adjacent to the river and immediately west of downtown San José. Major sections of the River Park & Gardens are already open to the public, including beautiful stretches of the river walk, areas designed for public festivals, passive recreation areas and an outdoor amphitheater. The entire river park and portions of the gardens are scheduled for completion within the next few years. GRP offers visitors opportunities for active recreation and quiet contemplation in a natural environment immediately adjacent to our urban center. When completed, the park will include miles of hiking and biking trails, open meadows, picnic and play areas, gardens, and public art. Recreation areas include the Heritage Rose Garden, Arena Green and Discovery Meadow.

The Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens provide community leadership for the development and active use of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens through education, advocacy and stewardship. Volunteers are engaged for many projects and docent-led tours are available. Call 408-298-7657 for more information.

Park Rangers are available by appointment to speak to schools and groups on a variety of topics related to the Guadalupe River, local wildlife, careers, or other topics as arranged. Call 408-277-5904 to speak to a Park Ranger about available programs and dates at the park or at your site.

Japanese Friendship Garden

San José's Japanese Friendship Garden is a beautiful, living symbol of the "Sister City" relationship between Okayama, Japan and San José, California. The garden was dedicated in October 1965 in Kelley Park, and was patterned after Okayama's world famous Korakuen Park. The traditional Japanese garden was molded by three major forces: religion, a love for nature, and a heavy use of symbolism. These three forces blended together to create a beautiful, culturally enlightening area. While visiting the Garden, take some time to feed the exotic Koi fish. Two feeding stations are available and you may purchase food for a small fee. A portion of this garden is available for morning wedding ceremonies. There is no admission fee but there is a parking fee on weekends, holiday periods and in the summer. For information, call 408-277-5562.

2004 Composting workshops & bin sales

FREE composting workshops sponsored by the Santa Clara County Home Composting Education Program. **Preregistration is required; please call (408) 918-4640 to sign up.** During and after the class, the City of San José will provide low-cost compost bins to San José residents.

FREE Gift
for first 50 class
registrants

Biostack



Willows Senior Center

2175 Lincoln Ave. at Curtner
Feb. 21 Aug. 14
May 8 Nov. 6

Home Composter



Moreland Community Center

1850 Fallbrook Ave. at Campbell Ave.
March 13 Sept. 18
June 12

Emma Prusch Farm Park

647 S. King Rd. at Story Rd.
April 17 Oct. 16
July 17

Wriggly Wrench



All sites use the following schedule:

10 am – 12 pm • Composting Class
11 am – 1 pm • Bin Sale

Get resources and advice through the Rotline*

* Rotline: E-mail (compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us) or call (408) 918-4640 for composting details and class registration.

FREE

**Evening
Classes**
6 pm – 8 pm

Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens

715 Spring St. • www.grpg.org
Weds., Feb. 18, May 5, Sept. 15

Space is limited so call (408) 298-7657 to register. There is no Compost Bin Sale at these events, but you will receive a coupon to purchase a bin on the Saturday following each evening class. See schedule for 2004 Saturday Bin Sale locations.

San Jose Composts!



www.recycleplus.org 408.277.2989

Bins are subsidized by the City of San José Home Composting Program. Drivers license with a San José address or Recycle Plus bill and picture ID required. One of each bin per household. Limited number of bins available, first come, first served. Check or cash accepted. This information is available in alternative formats such as audiotape or large print. Requests can be made by calling (408) 277-2700 (V) or 1 (800) 736-2929 (California Relay Service).



Kelley Park

Enjoy a picnic or barbecue, shaded by beautiful mature trees growing amid the expansive lawn areas. Visit **Happy Hollow Park and Zoo** to see the many animals, to take in a puppet show, or to enjoy amusement park rides. More information on the admission fee, hours of operation and programs can be obtained by calling **408-277-4193**. Walk through the tranquil **Japanese Friendship Garden** with its lovely ponds filled with colorful Koi fish. Special Koi fish food is available for purchase. The Garden is also available for Wedding Ceremonies. For more information on the Garden, Koi Fish and weddings, call **408-277-4191**. Step back in time to historic 1800's San José with a visit to the History Park – restored houses, buildings and shops from San José's old days. All of these attractions, plus picnic tables with small barbecue pits, are located in shaded areas throughout Kelley Park. Six picnic sites that accommodate from 30-200 people are available by reservation by calling **408-277-5562**. First come, first service picnic sites are also available.

Happy Hollow Park and Zoo

Open daily, Happy Hollow offers a unique combination of fun and adventure for the entire family, while providing a safe and interactive experience for all ages. Puppet shows and vintage kiddie and family rides are highlights of the children's creative play areas, and more than 150 animals are featured in our close-contact Zoo. In the animal contact area of the Zoo, visitors can touch and feed a zebu, a donkey, miniature horses and goats. Also, guests have the opportunity to meet and learn about many rare and endangered species such as lemurs, parma wallabies, and jaguars. The Zoo is accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

Happy Hollow Park and Zoo offers classes, sleepovers and special activities for families with children 2-10 years old. Hours of operation are daily 10-5, but may vary in the winter due to inclement weather. Call our "24 hour a day information line" at **408-277-3000** for details on programs, classes and special activities. For daily hours of operation, call **408-277-4193** on any day between the hours of 8:30am and 5:30pm.



Animals, Rides, Playgrounds, Puppet Shows, and Party Areas!



HAPPY HOLLOW

PARK & ZOO

Join Us Every 2nd Tuesday of the month for Dollar Days.
1/13, 2/10, 3/9

Open daily 10-5, Admission \$5.50 per person
Persons under 2 and over 75 are **FREE!**
\$1 admission every 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Become a Happy Hollow member and your family receives free admission for an entire year!

Year-round classes for ages 2-13 including sleepovers and summer camps.



For more information call 408.277.4193 or visit us online at www.happyhollowparkandzoo.org



Neighborhood Parks

Important Numbers • (408) 794-1383

- To report an emergency at a park, **911*** or 277-8911 from cell phones
- To report a non-emergency at a park, **311*** or 277-8911 from cell phones
- To file a park concern with SJPD Mounted Unit, 277-5472
- To report a maintenance concern at a park, 794-1383
- To report a maintenance emergency at a park after hours, 277-4000
- To inquire about sports field reservations, 369-3907
- To volunteer at a neighborhood park, Adopt-a-Park, 277-4477

**Callers may ask to remain anonymous.*

Visit www.sjpark.org
for current park information.



Lake Cunningham Park

Lake Cunningham Regional Park features 200 acres of open space centered around a 50-acre lake and leisure activities offering something for everyone. This is home to the **South Bay Fishing in the City** program and summer sailing lessons. The marina has a public boat launch. The lake has a one-mile, 18-station par course that winds around the Big Meadow, perfect for jogging or a leisurely walk. Many areas of the park are accessible to bicycles, which always makes for a pleasant family outing. There are numerous picnic areas throughout the park, which accommodate small to very large groups. Several are available on a first come, first served basis. Volleyball courts and horseshoe pits are available; just bring your own equipment. Designated picnic areas are available through advanced reservations for a nominal reservation fee by calling **408-277-5562**. Park Rangers are here to assist you and provide information. Please contact a Ranger if you have any questions or need assistance at **408-277-4319**.

Monopoly in the Park

This reservable “Guinness Book of World Records” holder features a 930 square foot granite replica of the Monopoly game board, complete with bigger than life size game pieces, a beautiful theme garden, and facilities for family picnicking. It is the only outdoor game attraction of its kind in the world and is located in Discovery Meadow Park (in front of the Children’s Discovery Museum). Visit www.monopolyinthepark.com or call **408-995-MITP (6587)**.



Municipal Golf Courses

San José Municipal Golf Course is an 18-hole, championship-length golf course located on Oakland Road. The course has a two-story lighted driving range, clubhouse and amenities. Call **408-441-4650** for rates and information on how to make tee times.

Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course is a 9-hole, executive golf course off Highway 680 at King Road. It has a lighted driving range, clubhouse and amenities. Call **408-347-0993** for rates and information on how to make tee times and check out www.ranchodelpueblo.com.

Los Lagos Golf Course is an 18-hole, Par 68 golf course in south central San José. It has a two-story lighted driving range, clubhouse, and amenities. Call **408-361-0250** for rates and information on how to arrange tee times, please visit our web site at www.playloslagos.com.

Municipal Rose Garden

San José’s 11-acre Municipal Rose Garden, a one-time prune orchard, is today one of the most attractive of its kind in the world, drawing thousands of visitors each year. The Garden is exclusively devoted to shrubs of the rose family and features over 4,000 rose shrubs with 189 varieties represented. Many of the Garden’s original features, including the reflection pool in the center of the structural entrance, garden vases, the two-tiered water fountain, miniature rose beds, and arbor have been donated through the years by the community and the Rose Society. The Garden has a natural grass stage surrounded by a cathedral of redwood trees and a view of the roses. This area of the Garden is available for wedding ceremonies. For reservations and information call **408-277-5562**.

Overfelt Gardens

Overfelt Gardens is home to the Chinese Cultural Garden. Here visitors will enjoy natural wildlife sanctuaries amid a peaceful pond setting surrounded by beautiful trees, shrubs, and flowering plants, and accented by cultural points of interest. There are also campfires and Ranger led programs. Call **408-251-3323** for more information. The Gardens offer the perfect setting for walking, reading, nature photography, writing, drawing and painting, or just relaxing. Overfelt Gardens is also a beautiful location for wedding ceremonies. Reservations can be made by calling **408-277-5562**.

Our Mission: To support the livability of neighborhoods, offer opportunities for individuals to enjoy life and strengthen communities of people.

SAN JOSE TRAILS

The City of San José is actively developing a system of trails that will result in a 70 mile network throughout the City.

Work is underway to develop the necessary agreements with partner agencies, prepare master plans, prepare construction documents and award construction contracts.

A significant system of trails already exists and provides the opportunity for exercise, commuting and enjoying nature.

In the next several months, watch for an updated PRNS Web Site that will provide information and photos about the City's trail system. www.sanjose.ca.gov/prns

The following lists several of the City's major trails, with on-street access points.

Los Gatos Creek Trail

The trail is approximately 4 miles in length within San José. This trail continues through Campbell and Los Gatos, providing a great way to travel to Vasona Park. A series of fitness stations exist along the way.

Access from:

Meridian Avenue, south of Curci Drive

Leigh Avenue, south of Stokes Street

Bascom Avenue, north of Hamilton Avenue

Los Alamitos Creek Trail

The trail is approximately 3 miles in length. This trail links Lake Almaden Park to Harry Road and Camden Avenue. A series of fitness stations exist along the way.

Access from:

Lake Almaden Park, near Almaden Expressway/Coleman Road

Camden Avenue and Graystone Lane

Camden Avenue and Harry Road

Coyote Creek Trail

The trail is approximately 2 miles in length, with significant sections completed to the south as part of the County's trail system. This trail follows the creek along the Los Lagos Golf Course and links to the County park system.

Access from:

Stonegate Park, along Sherlock Drive, south of Sherlock/Tully Road Intersection

Yerba Buena Road, east of Tuers Road

Hellyer Avenue, west of Palisade Drive

Guadalupe River Park

The trail is approximately 4 miles in length and travels through Downtown San José. The trail provides access to several downtown parks and public art sites.

Access from:

Woz Way, south of the Children's Discover Museum

Guadalupe Meadows, north of the Children's Discover Museum

Park Avenue (trail to the north is currently under construction)

Santa Clara Street, near the Arena

Coleman Avenue, with access to Guadalupe Gardens

Information about the on-going flood control project is available at: www.grpg.org/FloodControl/GuadalupeRiver

